

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests correction of improper claim dependencies found in claims 22 and 23 in the now allowed claims of the instant application.

In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 714.6, Amendment After Notice of Allowance, the accompanying claim amendment is for proper protection of the invention and should require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. For example, claim 22 as allowed depends upon itself. Applicant suggests that correcting the claim dependencies of claims 22 and 23 embody only the correction of formal matters without changing the scope of the claims and is merely a trivial informality that does not affect significantly the vital formal requirement of the patent.

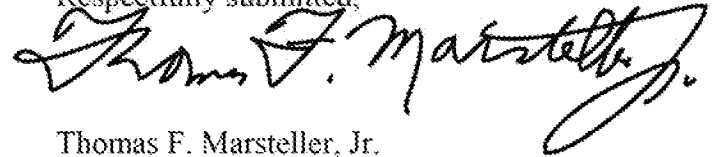
Accordingly, Applicant requests that the primary examiner recommend entry of these corrective amendments to claims 22 and 23, and that the amendment be entered.

Conclusion

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. In light of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-24.

If there are matters which can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this Application, Applicant invites the Examiner to call the attorney at the number listed below at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A

LISTING OF CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE